

CONTINUING JUDICIAL SKILLS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES



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Continuing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases

Program Overview & Course Descriptions

The Continuing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (CJS) Program is specifically designed for judges who have successfully completed the Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases Workshop or a similar intensive, foundational program. The CJS program addresses judges' specific assignments at a more advanced level and introduces new topics of special interest. The CJS Program features two identical tracks of courses, each consisting of three 1.5-day court assignment courses and four 1-day special topic courses. Track One spans the beginning of the week (Sun. – Tues.), and Track Two offers identical courses at the end of the week (Wed. – Fri.). Judges may apply to attend both tracks of courses subject to availability.

COURT ASSIGNMENT COURSES are designed as highly interactive small group seminars of 15 – 20 participants focused exclusively on one court duty assignment.

Criminal–Participants will be better able to:

- Set bail, establish conditions of release, and structure sentences that reduce risk, promote victim safety and autonomy, and minimize economic deprivation, while accounting for collateral consequences.
- Rule on pretrial motions to exclude evidence post-*Crawford*.
- Manage the legal implications of victim recantation.
- Create effective on-going structures for maximizing compliance with post-disposition controls.

Civil (Protection Order)–Participants will be better able to:

- Use risk and danger assessment tools when rendering decisions in domestic violence cases.
- Apply an understanding of domestic violence when issuing economic relief on behalf of victims and their children.
- Manage cases involving *pro se* litigants and recognize the ability to promote a *pro se* litigant's access to justice within the ethical constraints as a judge.

SPECIAL TOPIC COURSES are designed as seminars of 15 - 20 judges to address specific challenges in new or emerging complex topics facing the courts.

Immigration & Trafficking–Participants will be better able to:

- Identify "red flags" that suggest the presence of immigration and trafficking.
- Assess the immigration implications of civil protection orders and criminal convictions.
- Enhance access to justice for immigrant victims of domestic violence and trafficking.
- Craft civil dispositions that enhance victim safety and autonomy while considering collateral consequences.
- Document facts in state court proceedings to preserve the victim's immigration remedies.

Effective Batterer Accountability–Participants will be better able to:

- Tailor interventions and orders to the unique circumstances and needs of the parties.
- Identify the various batterer intervention programs and other forms of intervention.
- Establish program standards and develop effective oversight procedures.
- Facilitate community collaboration to enhance batterer accountability.

- Identify the wide range of enforcement mechanisms available to ensure compliance with protection orders, including civil and criminal contempt proceedings.

Family–Participants will be better able to:

- Evaluate whether domestic violence cases are appropriate for ADR processes in family courts, and, if so, develop safeguards to use in those cases.
- Promote safety and accountability in all family court related interventions, such as custody evaluations and assignment of parenting coordinators, GAL's, parenting education, supervised visitation, and arbitrators.
- Craft effective parenting orders to match unique family circumstances and needs.
- Determine the appropriate role of the family court to monitor and review custody/parenting decisions.

Interstate & International Custody–Participants will be better able to:

- Analyze how and why domestic violence is relevant to adjudicating interstate and international custody disputes.
- Develop and promote practices and tools to resolve interstate and international custody disputes efficiently and safely.
- Determine when the court is authorized to take jurisdiction over an interstate custody case and how best to exercise any discretion it may have when domestic violence is present.
- Identify and access resources to help meet the judicial challenges presented by interstate and international disputes.

Supervised Visitation–Participants will be better able to:

- Identify factual, legal, procedural, and resource issues in cases involving domestic violence, custody, and visitation.
- Assess the efficacy of various custodial and visitation arrangements in light of domestic violence.
- Analyze how to balance parental access with victim and child safety.
- Determine appropriate batterers treatment/intervention for violent men who have access to supervised visitation/safe exchange.

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Application Form

(Late applicants may be accepted if space is available)

Fax or Mail to: National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
Judicial Institute Registrar, Family Violence Department
P.O. Box 8970 • Reno, Nevada 89507
Phone: (775) 784-1662 • FAX: (775) 784-6160

**APPLICATIONS MUST
BE RECEIVED BY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2006**

Name: _____ Title: _____

Court: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Email: _____

I have the following special needs: _____

I have attended the following Domestic Violence Workshops: _____

I agree to attend ALL SESSIONS of the workshop(s) selected below.

Applicant Signature: _____

WORKSHOP SELECTION

Please designate your track preference by inserting #1 in the box for your first choice and #2 in the box for your second choice tracks: select one court assignment and one special topic course in each track. If you wish to attend **both** tracks, mark both with #1 and select different courses in each track.

Track One - Sunday Noon- Tuesday 5 pm

Court Assignment Courses (Please select one)

- Criminal
- Civil Protection Order
- Family

Special Topic Courses (Please select one)

- Immigration & Trafficking
- Interstate & International Custody
- Effective Batterer Accountability
- Supervised Visitation

Track Two - Wednesday 8 am- Friday Noon

Court Assignment Courses (Please select one)

- Criminal
- Civil Protection Order
- Family

Special Topic Courses (Please select one)

- Immigration & Trafficking
- Interstate & International Custody
- Effective Batterer Accountability
- Supervised Visitation

COST & ACTIVITY FEE

The education program is provided free of charge. An activity fee will offset expenses that cannot be paid with grant funds. For this program, the activity fee for Track 1 or 2 is \$69, and for Tracks 1 & 2 is \$138.

Please note that participants are responsible for their own lodging, travel arrangements, and costs.

Activity Fee Payment Method

Check Enclosed (Payable to: NCJFCJ - Judicial Institute) Purchase Order # _____

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Visa # _____ Master Card # _____

Authorized Signature _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

YOUR REGISTRATION IS NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL RECEIPT OF ACCEPTANCE LETTER

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Selected Faculty

The faculty team for each workshop will include experienced judges, attorneys, and domestic violence experts from diverse professional backgrounds and geographic locations. The following is a partial list of faculty:

Hon. Ronald Adrine
Cleveland Municipal Court
Cleveland, Ohio

Juan Carlos Areán
Family Violence Prevention Fund
Boston, Massachusetts

Hon. Carl Ashley
Milwaukee County Circuit Court
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Hon. Susan Breall
San Francisco Superior Court
San Francisco, California

Hon. Susan Carbon
Grafton County Family Court
Plymouth, New Hampshire

Hon. Sharon Chatman
Santa Clara Superior Court
San Jose, California

Maria Jose Fletcher, JD
LUCHA: A Woman's Legal Project
Miami, Florida

Loretta Frederick, JD
Battered Women's Justice Project
Winona, Minnesota

Hon. Ramona Gonzalez
La Crosse County District Court
La Crosse, Wisconsin

Barbara Hart, JD
Consultant
Georgetown, Maine

Peter Jaffe, Ph.D., Professor
University of Western Ontario
London, Ontario, Canada

Hon. Dale Koch
Oregon Circuit Court
Portland, Oregon

Darren Mitchell, JD
Consultant
Takoma Park, Maryland

Hon. Marshall Murray
Milwaukee County Circuit Court
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Gail Pendleton, JD
Consultant
Plymouth, Massachusetts

Hon. Lee Satterfield
Superior Court of the District of Columbia
Washington, DC

Hon. Victoria Van Meter
Second Judicial District Court
Reno, Nevada

Shaun Wardinsky, JD
Wardinsky and Bobzien, PC
Portland, Oregon

Sujata Warrier, Ph.D.
Consultant
Bloomfield, New Jersey